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The number killed and wounded on both sides, The routing of the *French* Horle; the dissipating of the Foot; And the great and honourable service performed by *Senecor De Nalance*, Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Ambassador of *Spain*, *Senecor Don Dege*, and divers others.

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The particulars thereof; and the manner of their first Onset and last Retreat

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N Munday, being the thirtieth of Septemb. 1661. an Ambassador from the Crown of Swedeland landed at Tower-wharf, and had an honourable reception from His Majesty the King of Great

Brittain, His own Royal Regiment being up in Armes, and three Companies thereof placed at Tower-hill, viz. His Majesties own Company, with the Crown in the Royal Colours; the se-

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cond, the Rose and Crown ; and the third, the Flower-de-luce and Crown : besides these three Companies of Foot , His Royal Highness the Duke of *York's* Life-guard of Horse , where many thousand Spectators came to behold this strange and desperate Conflict ; it being variously rumoured several wayes ; but in few hours the Scene of this Tragedy was exceedingly changed ; and immediately upon the Theatre a more desperate effusion of blood : For upon the landing of the Lord Ambassador from the Crown of *Swedeland*, the point of honour then lay (according to ancient Custom) who should ride foremost of these two noble Patriots ; which could not be decided, but by the Fortitude and Valour of their Heroick Champions, which was soon put in execution on both sides : For immediately upon landing of the Swedish Ambassador, so great was the incomparable Prudence of *Senor De Nalance*, Secretary to his Excellency the Lord Ambassador of *Spain*, that by his Valour and Dexterity , their noble Design was happily brought to perfection ; the projects of the French frustrated, and their Chivalry dissipated ; notwithstanding that gallant Party of Horse, who

who advanced as far as the Kings Bridge at the Tower, yet were forced to a dishonourable Retreat, having their Horses gored by the Spanish Tucks, their heads broken by several Brick-bats, the Postillion to the French Ambassadors Coach dismounted and three horses killed, the Harnace cut, and many of his servants wounded. In which action, *Senear Don Dejo* deported himself like a noble Heroe, and a loyal Patriot to his Prince and Countrey. The like did *Senear* of the Horse and *Senear* Master of the Stable: For which rare Atchievment, great is their merit and renown to all posterity. But to be brief and infallible, during this Conflict, divers of the Spanish Foot, nimbly passed Tower-hill, with their Rapiers drawn in their hands, in order to the better securing of their Lord Ambassadors Coach; but near the Chain began another dispute, where one French man was slain, and divers wounded.

After which, they past along the streets in their former posture, with their Swords drawn in their hands, but found little opposition afterwards.

Then came up the French Ambassadors
Coach

Coach with two Horses in it, three being killed, as before-mentioned, and the fourth not in a condition for present use.

The Retinue of the Ambassadors being past from off the Hill, His Majesties Guards drew off likewise, and the people returned peaceably to their own habitations, being little harm done, but what befell the French, and little to the Spanish; indeed it was the Fortune of the Mounfiers to receive the greatest loss, five being translated out of this World into another, and above thirty wounded, with the loss of one Spaniard, and very few wounded: For, indeed, through their abundant fortitude and magnanitude, they became triumphant that day, it being worthy of observation, that an ancient man of the Spanish party disputed several passes with six French men, and with his glittering Tuck, made them feel the point smartly as well as see it, and at the last was timely relieved by some of his friends. To conclude, had the French men been unanimous, the day might have proved worse; but it is not the number of men, but heroick hearts, which reminds me of an excellent passage in the dayes of King *Henry* the fifth of *England*, who
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before the Battel at *Agincourt* in *France*, hearing of the great and warlike preparations of the French, was something perplexed; but one Captain *Gam* standing by, said, That if there were so many, there were enough to be killed, enough to be taken prisoners, and enough to run away; which resolute Speech much cheered up the King, and the day proved Victorious to His Majesty.

So by the Heroick gallantry of the magnanimous prudence and fortitude of the Spanish party, deservedly they became Triumphant, and the Monfieurs repelled, although they exceeded in number; a full and perfect Narrative whereof, is suddenly intended for publick view, time not permitting it now at present.

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